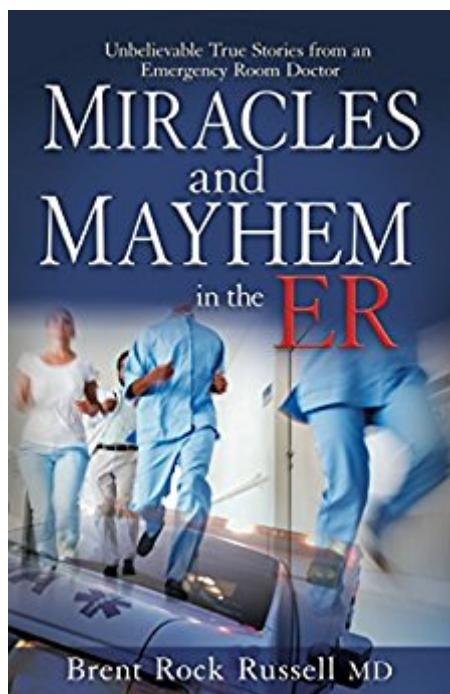


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# Miracles & Mayhem In The ER: Unbelievable True Stories From An Emergency Room Doctor



## **Synopsis**

In Miracles and Mayhem in the ER, Dr. Brent Russell shares true-life stories of his early days as an Emergency Room doctor. Contemplative and oftentimes hilarious, Dr. Russell leads the reader through the glass doors and down the narrow halls of the ER where desperate patients, young and old, come to get well. Occasionally heart wrenching and always fast-paced, Miracles and Mayhem in the ER will have readers holding their breath one second and celebrating the next. Through his night shifts at a renowned Portland, OR hospital, Russell discovers his role and his confidence as he treats people from all walks of life including humanity's most bizarre in the ER. Each shift brings a new, bracing story to tell.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am an avid reader of all books concerning emergency medicine and other related topics. I have read countless ER books and I can say without reservation this one is the best hands down! So good in fact that this is the first time I have taken the time to write a review about medical related

books. From writing style, patient stories, to life lessons, this book grabs ahold of you and you can't put it down! I found myself anxious, frustrated and happy at the stories and lesson the author shared! I wish he was my doctor! He totally changed my view concerning frivolous lawsuits and how devastating they are to the doctors involved. I never agreed with those type of suits, but after reading this book it opened my eyes to the evil of "unchecked" law suits. Now I am hoping the author has another book in the works!! I'm very sad that I've finished the book.... I long for just " one more of his stories"!

I highly recommend this book. It is a collection of stories from a emergency physician. This Doctor shares interesting stories, but more importantly shows us that these Doctor do worry about the quality of patient care that they provide. We have all had experiences in the E. R. with Doctors who appear to not care. Perhaps instead, they are at the end of a long shift, or they have become masters at showing minimal emotion to carry out their jobs. E.R. Doctors have one of the most difficult jobs, and the next time I have to wait , I will try be more considerate or their time. Thanks for sharing your stories Dr Russell, it was a pleasure to read.

This book is filled with engaging, calamitous, amusing and sometimes unbelievable stories of the author's experience as an emergency room doctor. And while the stories keep you fascinated, the author also does a beautiful job of interweaving his life and his role as husband and friend throughout. I thought a lot about how the book was written once I finished it and was impressed at how he came to write the book in the way that he did. It's a smooth-flowing account and feels seamless in its progression. But the author had to have done quite a bit of work in making it seem that way. It's beautifully constructed and that makes it a true pleasure to read. I also felt that I got to know the author as a person, and a doctor, and he comes across as the sort of person you hope would be able to treat you if you ever needed to go to the ER. He's kind, compassionate, light-hearted and good at his job. He's also authentic in his depiction of himself and his profession. I'm grateful he took the time to write the book and hope he continues to write more.

I did enjoy this book because it truly gave the reader not only insight as to what goes on in the ER but what it takes to become an ER doctor as well. The long grueling hours, the back stabbers, the individuals who suffer and die as well as the ones who have miraculous recoveries. It is often funny, and gut wrenching, like the malpractice suit experienced by Dr. Russell's friend Noah; we are literally on the edge of our seats wondering what the outcome wold be. My only complaint about this

book is that it appears to be a bit disjointed in parts. Reading about the author's growth as a physician was most insightful; however, some of the personal experiences lead one to believe when and where and with whom did some of these events happen. However, the author does say as a disclaimer that possibly some of these events may not have been remembered exactly as they occurred. All in all, worth reading.

Miracles and Mayhem had my attention from the very beginning and kept me hooked; it took a very short amount of time to tear through this book. It is written in a very engaging and accessible style, giving insight into the craziness physicians have to contend with. I was sad to read how many people in the medical profession have disdain for those of a religious bent, but it was good to read there are at least \*some\* out there who are nonjudgmental. The story of Noah being sued was instructional. I felt so bad for him. I wonder what happened to Franklin in the end? Did he learn from what happened? I hope so. I felt a great deal of respect for Noah and the way he handled the outcome. I learned a great deal about emergency physicians and the things they have to endure. I would like to find one about nurses...I bet they have even more crazy stories to tell.

If you want a good read on what really happens in the E.R.- and the residents in training, then I would recommend this book highly..Yes, as others have pointed out, there are times when he could have shortened a story, but all in all, I really enjoyed this book.O.K. spoiler alert (of sorts). He discusses why doctors have to balance between ordering unnecessary tests vs. covering your A\$\$.He brings up a very interesting TRUE scenario where a fellow E.R. physician, who went thru training and residency with another E.R. doctor and then maliciously testifies against him, in 6 million dollar lawsuit. You'll have to read to find out what the jury decided. You might think some of these stories are embellished , for the "OH my gosh!" factor. But having worked 12 years in 56 bed E.R. in Florida, I can tell you, you can't make this stuff up. Suppose I should write my own book.I think Brent must have written this book awhile ago, because in one scenario, and EMT asks if he can bring an inmate in who had committed suicide by "Toothbrush". Of course Brent, curious to see how this could happen, says "Sure, bring 'em in." I have worked in several state prisons and many county facilities, and they don't give out full size toothbrushes anymore for the very reason of this story.Brent if you're reading this. Thanks for the ride!P.S. And yes, the Full Moon theory is really alive . . . tormenting E.R. staff today.

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